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Mr. Joseph F. Cullman, 3rd
Chairman of the Executive Committee
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Dear Mr. Cullman:

I am enclosing a letter that I have written to Mr. William B. Lewis, Chairman of the Board of the American Cancer Society. I am deeply interested in the causal connection of lung cancer in relationship to smoking and also in relationship to cardiovascular disease.

I have no financial interest in the tobacco industry whatsoever, therefore it makes very little difference to me whether cigarette smoking is honored or dishonored in this respect. I do resent the fact that scientific data is not put forward for debate on the scientific level for reconfirmation in competent scientific laboratories. I can understand your indignation, which undoubtedly amounts to as much as mine. I hope you can foresee the issue and bring this problem to rest once and for all for the sake of the American public.

Sincerely yours,

Edward M. Gates, M. D.

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